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1. During February 1952, [] two military trains loaded with tanks, artillery pieces, mortars, and trucks, [] passed along the railroad line which runs from Plovdiv, through Dimitrovgrad, to Khaskovo and Kurdzhali. 25X1

2. During March 1952, along this same line [] four more trains headed in the same direction. By 10 April 1952, seven or eight additional trains loaded with materiel had passed through Dimitrovgrad.

3. Each train included approximately 30 cars and was composed as follows: 25X1

a. Eight to ten boxcars; and

b. Twenty flatcars, which carried the following equipment:

(1) Three to five tanks;

(2) Five to eight artillery pieces;

(3) Two to four mortars (some trains carried no mortars); and

(4) Four to six trucks.

[] observed large spools which [] were destined for the metal plant being constructed in Kurdzhali. The trucks [] had four to six wheels and were painted in camouflage colors of brown and green and a color between brown and yellow. [] approximately 60 such trucks. 25X1

4. [] a total of approximately 50 tanks on the trains as follows: 25X1

a. Thirty tanks of 30 tons, four meters long, and armed with two cannons approximately three meters in length (sic); and

b. Approximately 20 tanks of 50 tons, 4.5 to 5 meters long; these tanks also had cannons that were approximately three meters long (sic).

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The tanks had a shiny metallic color slightly darker than stainless steel.

5. The artillery pieces on the trains were painted a dark green and had armor plate which extended over the rubber-tired wheels. The artillery pieces were approximately three meters long, and were of about 30mm. (sic) caliber. During the period described, [redacted] a total of approximately 60 such large guns. 25X1
6. [redacted] a total of approximately 20 mortars, the barrels of which were about one meter long. The mortars were painted dark green and were mounted on tripods.
7. Every train was accompanied by a number of soldiers, with at least one soldier on every flatcar.² 25X1

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